

REMARKS

The Office Action rejected claims 1-14 and 26-29 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Smith in view of Rohling et al.

The rejections of claims 1-14 are traversed and claim 26 is amended.

Rohling was relied upon to teach that the coil portion moves with the lid away from the frame when the lid is moved to the open position. However, a close inspection of Rohling et al. reveals that the coil portion of the spring is coaxial with the axis of rotation, such that the coil portion does not move with the lid when it is opened. Rather, the coil portion stays in the same position, whether the lid is open or closed, since it is coaxial with the hinge axis.

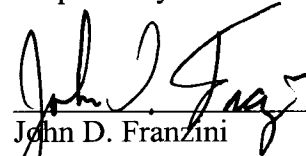
The arguments from the prior response are incorporated herein as they still apply.

Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-14 and 26-29 should be allowed.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number appearing below if it would advance the prosecution of this Application.

The Examiner is hereby authorized to any fees arising as a result of this Amendment or any other communication from Deposit Account 17-0055.

Respectfully submitted


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